

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps has jealously guarded the gates of freedom to this country for the past 210 years, keeping tyranny and oppression from our doorstep by continually standing ready to respond when called as America's force-in-readiness; and,

WHEREAS, Our country has achieved a position of world leadership while the Marines stood ready with a few good men, professionals who are the "first-to-fight" to defend American lives and protect those rights we all hold so dear; and,

WHEREAS, The Marine, trained to hold his ground against any odds and to be always faithful to God, Country and Corps, stands ready to fight anytime, anywhere the President or Congress may designate, paving the road to victory with fire and sword; and,

WHEREAS, "Marine" is associated with courage and military efficiency and has been since the Corps' creation on November 10, 1775, at a Philadelphia tavern; and,

WHEREAS, The Marine Corps legacy will live forever through the deeds of men who have served bravely in such places as Chapultepec, Belleau Wood, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, Chosen Reservoir, Chu Lai, Lebanon and Grenada; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota, proud of her rich contribution to the Marine tradition, salutes the Marines of Recruiting Station Omaha, Nebraska, which recruits from 51 counties in South Dakota and which will be holding the annual Marine Corps Ball on November 9, 1985:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota and alumnus of the United States Marine Corps, do hereby proclaim November 4 through November 10, 1985, as

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WEEK

in South Dakota, and I urge all the people of South Dakota to join me in honoring the few, the proud, the Marines.



ATTEST:

Alice Kundert
ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Five

William J. Janklow
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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